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THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas,
Tuesday, January 11, 1921.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, the members-elect of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-seventh Legislature assembled this day in the Hall of the House of Representatives in the City of Austin; and at 12 o'clock Meridian, Hon. C. D. Mims, Secretary of State, called the Honorable House to order.

Rev. W. A. Hamlett of Austin, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, by invitation of the Honorable Secretary of State, invoked the blessings of Almighty God upon the assembling of the Thirty-seventh Legislature.

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION.

For the purpose of temporary organization the Honorable Secretary appointed the following temporary officers:

Chief Clerk, Noel K. Brown.
Reading Clerk, O. P. Basford.
Journal Clerk, J. L. Robinson.
Sergeant-at-Arms, Joe White.

ROLL OF COUNTIES CALLED.

The Honorable Secretary then directed the temporary Clerk to call the roll of counties of the State in alphabetical order.

As the roll of counties was called the members-elect who were present answered to the names of the counties of their residence, in the order shown in the following list:

Anderson—R. E. Seagler.
Angelina—J. W. Laird.
Archer—W. O. Wright.
Austin—W. J. Kveton.
Bastrop—J. D. Wadley.
Bee—H. S. Bonham.
Bell—C. W. Barrett.
Bexar—O. B. Black, W. A. Black, W. M. Morgan, T. M. West.

Bosque—J. D. Hanna.
Bowie—Sid Crumpton.
Brazos—Lee J. Rountree.
Brown—Frank H. Sweet.
Burleson—A. N. Lauderdale.
Burnet—H. E. Faubion.
Caldwell—A. J. McKean.
Cameron—P. B. Branch.
Camp—J. D. Lawrence.
Carson—Lee Satterwhite.
Cass—Wright Patman.
Chambers—Dr. A. R. Shearer.
Cherokee—Jas. I. Perkins.
Collin—J. H. Sneed.
Comanche—A. L. McDaniel.
Concho—O. L. Sims.
Cooke—M. M. Duffey.
Coryell—R. E. Edwards.
Dallas—John E. Davis, John Davis, F. B. Horton, Barry Miller.
Denton—Chas. G. Thomas.
DeWitt—Sam C. Lackey.
Eastland—Joe Burkett.
Edwards—B. J. Stewart.
Ellis—Homer Hendricks, Albert S. Johnson.
El Paso—Adrian C. Pool, J. E. Quaid.
Erath—H. Grady Perry.
Falls—E. H. Childers.
Fannin—E. B. Barrett.
Fayette—John H. Wessels.
Fort Bend—W. I. McFarlane.
Freestone—John F. Wallace.
Galveston—Leo C. Brady.
Gonzales—W. M. Fly.
Grayson—C. A. Barker, H. H. Cummins, J. R. Westbrook.
Gregg—Felix J. McCord.
Guadalupe—Egbert Schweppe.
Hale—Burk W. Mathes.
Hall—Sam A. Bryant.
Hardeman—J. C. Marshall.
Harris—C. C. Beavens, J. W. Hall, J. P. Rogers, J. Lewis Thompson.
Harrison—V. D. Fugler.
Hays—C. T. Bass.
Henderson—Julian P. Greer.
Hidalgo—J. E. Leslie.
Hill—J. D. Burns, G. W. Garrett.
Hood—W. J. Aiken.

Hopkins—C. E. Beasley, J. M. Melson.
 Houston—Chas. C. Rice.
 Hunt—C. E. Dinkle, Joe M. Moore.
 Jasper—B. P. Walker.
 Jefferson—J. O. Merriman, B. E. Quinn.
 Johnson—John H. Veatch.
 Jones—Chas. H. Rowland.
 Lamar—C. A. Martin, Frank E. Perkins.
 Lavaca—Ed Kacir.
 Limestone—Sam A. Thomas.
 Lubbock—R. A. Baldwin.
 Madison—J. T. Harrington.
 Marion—P. G. Henderson.
 Matagorda—W. C. Carpenter.
 McCulloch—T. J. Beasley.
 McLennan—R. L. Henderson, J. L. Quicksall, Newt B. Williams.
 McMullen—Frank H. Burmeister.
 Medina—Grover C. Morris.
 Milam—O. D. Baker, Ike Looney.
 Mills—J. C. Darroch.
 Montague—W. A. Morris.
 Montgomery—W. M. Williams.
 Nacogdoches—W. E. Thomason.
 Navarro—R. R. Owen.
 Nolan—R. M. Chitwood.
 Nueces—W. E. Pope.
 Panola—W. S. Crawford.
 Parker—Eugene Miller.
 Polk—John D. McLeod.
 Red River—T. T. Thompson.
 Reeves—W. W. Stewart.
 Robertson—F. S. Estes.
 Runnels—C. R. Stephens.
 Rusk—L. Webb.
 Scurry—M. E. Rosser.
 Shelby—John C. Rogers.
 Smith—W. D. Swann.
 Sterling—W. F. Kellis.
 Tarrant—John M. Adams, A. B. Curtis, Wallace Malone, O. L. Sweet.
 Taylor—Ben L. Cox.
 Throckmorton—A. H. King.
 Titus—J. R. Grissom.
 Travis—John T. Smith, Robt. B. Thrasher.
 Val Verde—Walter F. Jones.
 Van Zandt—Tomas G. Pollard.
 Victoria—Jas. W. Stevenson.
 Walker—Leon L. Mott.
 Webb—W. T. Neblett, Jr.
 Wharton—F. B. Duncan.
 Wheeler—H. B. Hill.
 Wichita—B. F. Johnson.
 Williamson—Claud D. Teer.
 Wilson—J. H. Brown.
 Wise—Roy C. Coffee.
 Wood—P. A. Thorn.
 Young—Thos. G. Binkley.

When the County of Washington was called, Hon. Robt. B. Thrasher of Travis County, being recognized by the Secretary of State, filed a protest against the

seating of H. J. Neinast as a member of the House of Representatives from Washington county.

ROLL OF MEMBERS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

The Honorable Secretary directed the Clerk to call the roll of the members-elect in alphabetical order.

The roll was called and the following members-elect answered to their names:

Adams.	Harrison.
Aiken.	Henderson
Baker.	of McLennan.
Baldwin.	Henderson
Barker.	of Marion.
Barrett of Bell.	Hendricks.
Barrett of Fannin.	Hill.
Bass.	Horton.
Beasley	Johnson of Ellis.
of Hopkins.	Johnson
Beasley	of Wichita.
of McCulloch.	Jones.
Beavens.	Kacir.
Binkley.	Kellis.
Bonham.	King.
Black, O. B.,	Kveton.
of Bexar.	Lackey.
Black, W. A.,	Laird.
of Bexar.	Lauderdale.
Brady.	Lawrence.
Branch.	Leslie.
Brown.	Looney.
Bryant.	McCord.
Burkett.	McDaniel.
Burmeister.	McFarlane.
Burns.	McKean.
Carpenter.	McLeod.
Childers.	Malone.
Chitwood.	Martin.
Coffee.	Marshall.
Cox.	Mathes.
Crawford.	Melson.
Crumpton.	Merriman.
Cummins.	Miller of Dallas.
Curtis.	Miller of Parker.
Darroch.	Morgan.
Davis, John E.,	Moore.
of Dallas.	Morris of Medina.
Davis, John,	Morris
of Dallas.	of Montague.
Dinkle.	Mott.
Duffey.	Neblett.
Duncan.	Neinast.
Edwards.	Owen.
Estes.	Patman.
Faubion.	Perkins
Fly.	of Cherokee.
Fugler.	Perkins of Lamar.
Garrett.	Perry.
Greer.	Pollard.
Grissom.	Pool.
Hall.	Pope.
Hanna.	Quaid.
Harrington.	Quicksall.

Quinn.	Thomas of Denton.
Rice.	Thomas
Rogers of Harris.	of Limestone.
Rogers of Shelby.	Thomason.
Rosser.	Thompson
Rountree.	of Harris.
Rowland.	Thompson
Satterwhite.	of Red River.
Schweppe.	Thorn.
Seagler.	Thrasher.
Shearer.	Veatch.
Sims.	Wadley.
Smith.	Walker.
Sneed.	Wallace.
Stephens.	Webb.
Stevenson.	Wessels.
Stewart	West.
of Edwards.	Westbrook.
Stewart of Reeves.	Williams
Swann.	of McLennan.
Sweet of Brown.	Williams
Sweet of Tarrant.	of Montgomery.
Teer.	Wright.

Absent.

Hardin.	Lindsey.
Johnson of Blanco.	Menking.
Laney.	

The Honorable Secretary announced a quorum present.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED.

Noel K. Brown, temporary Chief Clerk of the House, under the order and direction of the Honorable Secretary of State, then administered the oath of office to the Representatives-elect, all of them present rising together and repeating the following oath prescribed by the Constitution, as he read it to them:

"I,, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-seventh Legislature according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeable to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, and I do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that since the adoption of the Constitution of this State, I, being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, within this State or out of it, nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offending. And I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not, directly or indirectly, paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed nor promised to contribute, any money or valu-

able thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God."

ROLL OF MEMBERS SHOWING DISTRICTS REPRESENTED.

The Honorable Secretary of State then filed with the Clerk the following list of the members-elect of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, whose certificates of election have been received by him and are on file in his office:

Dist. No. 1—Sid Crumpton, Texarkana, Bowie county.

Dist. No. 2—Wright Patman, Linden, Cass county.

Dist. No. 3—P. G. Henderson, Jefferson, Marion county.

Dist. No. 4—V. D. Fugler, Marshall, Harrison county.

Dist. No. 5—W. S. Crawford, Beckville, Panola county.

Dist. No. 6—L. Webb, Henderson, Rusk county.

Dist. No. 7—W. E. Thomason, Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches county.

Dist. No. 8—John C. Rogers, Center, Shelby county.

Dist. No. 9—B. P. Walker, Kirbyville, Jasper county.

Dist. No. 10—J. W. Laird, Lufkin, Angelina county.

Dist. No. 11—J. D. McLeod, Leggett, San Jacinto county.

Dist. No. 12—John T. Lindsey, Kountze, Hardin county.

Dist. No. 13—B. E. Quinn, Beaumont, Jefferson county.

Dist. No. 14—J. O. Merriman, Port Neches, Orange county.

Dist. No. 15—C. C. Beavens, Houston, Harris county; J. W. Hall, Humble, Harris county; James P. Rogers, Houston, Harris county; J. L. Thompson, Houston, Harris county.

Dist. No. 16—Leo. C. Brady, Galveston, Galveston county.

Dist. No. 17—A. R. Shearer, Mont Belvieu, Chambers county.

Dist. No. 18—W. I. McFarlane, Richmond, Fort Bend county.

Dist. No. 19—W. C. Carpenter, Bay City, Matagorda county.

Dist. No. 20—Leon L. Mott, New Waverly, Walker county.

Dist. No. 21—W. M. Williams, Conroe, Montgomery county.

Dist. No. 22—Lee J. Rountree, Bryan, Brazos county.

Dist. No. 23—J. T. Harrington, Nirmangee, Leon county.

Dist. No. 24—Charles Culberson Rice, Crockett, Houston county.

Dist. No. 25—R. E. Seagler, Palestine, Anderson county.

Dist. No. 26—James I. Perkins, Rusk, Cherokee county.

Dist. No. 27—W. D. Swann, Tyler, Smith county.

Dist. No. 28—Julian P. Greer, Poyner, Henderson county.

Dist. No. 29—Thomas G. Pollard, Edom, Van Zandt county.

Dist. No. 30—P. A. Thorn, Hawkins, Wood county.

Dist. No. 31—James D. Lawrence, Pittsburg, Camp county.

Dist. No. 32—J. R. Grissom, Mt. Pleasant, Titus county.

Dist. No. 33—T. T. Thompson, Clarksville, Red River county.

Dist. No. 34—C. E. Beasley, Sulphur Springs, Hopkins county.

Dist. No. 35—J. M. Melson, Sulphur Springs, Hopkins county.

Dist. No. 36—C. A. Martin, Paris, Lamar county.

Dist. No. 37—E. B. Barrett, Trenton, Fannin county.

Dist. No. 38—Frank E. Perkins, Sumner, Lamar county.

Dist. No. 39—Joe M. Moore, Greenville, Hunt county.

Dist. No. 40—C. E. Dinkle, Greenville, Hunt county.

Dist. No. 41—J. H. Sneed, McKinney, Collin county.

Dist. No. 42—H. H. Cummins, Denison, Grayson county; J. R. Westbrook, Denison, Grayson county.

Dist. No. 43—C. A. Barker, Sherman, Grayson county.

Dist. No. 44—Barry Miller, Dallas, Dallas county; F. B. Horton, Dallas, Dallas county; John E. Davis, Mesquite, Dallas county; C. O. Laney, Dallas, Dallas county.

Dist. No. 45—J. Roy Hardin, Kaufman, Kaufman county.

Dist. No. 46—Charles G. Thomas, Lewisville, Denton county.

Dist. No. 47—John Davis, Dallas, Dallas county.

Dist. No. 48—M. M. Duffey, Marysville, Cooke county.

Dist. No. 49—W. A. Morris, Montague, Montague county.

Dist. No. 50—Roy C. Coffee, Paradise, Wise county.

Dist. No. 51—Eugene Miller, Garner, Parker county.

Dist. No. 52—A. B. Curtis, Fort Worth, Tarrant county; Wallace Malone, Fort Worth, Tarrant county; O. L. Sweet, Fort Worth, Tarrant county.

Dist. No. 53—John H. Veatch, Joshua, Johnson county.

Dist. No. 54—John M. Adams, Fort Worth, Tarrant county.

Dist. No. 55—Homer Hendricks, Waxahachie, Ellis county.

Dist. No. 56—George Garrett, Hillsboro, Hill county.

Dist. No. 57—R. R. Owen, Corsicana, Navarro county.

Dist. No. 58—Jno. F. Wallace, Teague, Freestone county.

Dist. No. 59—J. D. Burns, Mertens, Navarro county.

Dist. No. 60—Sam A. Thomas, Groesbeck, Limestone county.

Dist. No. 61—R. L. Henderson, Waco, McLennan county; Newt B. Williams, Waco, McLennan county.

Dist. No. 62—E. H. Childers, Rosebud, Falls county.

Dist. No. 63—J. L. Quicksall, Waco, McLennan county.

Dist. No. 64—F. S. Estes, Franklin, Robertson county.

Dist. No. 65—I. Looney, Ben Arnold, Milam county.

Dist. No. 66—C. W. Barrett, Temple, Bell county.

Dist. No. 67—O. D. Baker, Gause, Milam county.

Dist. No. 68—A. N. Lauderdale, Somerville, Burleson county.

Dist. No. 69—H. J. Neinast, Burton, Washington county.

Dist. No. 70—John H. Wessels, La Grange, Fayette county.

Dist. No. 71—W. J. Kveton, Sealy, Austin county.

Dist. No. 72—Ed Kacir, Hallettsville, Lavaca county.

Dist. No. 73—F. B. Duncan, Egypt, Wharton county.

Dist. No. 74—James W. Stevenson, Victoria, Victoria county.

Dist. No. 75—H. S. Bonham, Beeville, Bee county.

Dist. No. 76—W. E. Pope, Corpus Christi, Nueces county.

Dist. No. 77—P. B. Branch, LaFeria, Cameron county.

Dist. No. 78—J. E. Leslie, McAllen, Hidalgo county.

Dist. No. 79—W. T. Neblett, Jr., Laredo, Webb county.

Dist. No. 80—F. H. Burmeister, Christine, Atascosa county.

Dist. No. 81—Sam C. Lackey, Cuero, DeWitt county.

Dist. No. 82—W. M. Fly, Gonzales, Gonzales county.

Dist. No. 83—Egbert Schweppe, Seguin, Guadalupe county.

Dist. No. 84—J. H. Brown, Floresville, Wilson county.

Dist. No. 85—T. M. West, San Antonio, Bexar county; O. B. Black, San Antonio, Bexar county; Wm. A. Black, San Antonio, Bexar county; W. M. Morgan, San Antonio, Bexar county.

Dist. No. 86—A. J. McKean, Prairie Lea, Caldwell county.

Dist. No. 87—S. E. Johnson, Stonewall, Gillespie county.

Dist. No. 88—C. T. Bass, San Marcos, Hays county.

Dist. No. 89—John T. Smith, Austin, Travis county; Robert B. Thrasher, Austin, Travis county.

Dist. No. 90—J. D. Wadley, Smithville, Bastrop county.

Dist. No. 91—Claud D. Teer, Granger, Williamson county.

Dist. No. 92—H. E. Faubion, Marble Falls, Burnet county.

Dist. No. 93—R. E. Edwards, Osage, Coryell county.

Dist. No. 94—John C. Darroch, Goldthwaite, Mills county.

Dist. No. 95—J. D. Hanna, Meridian, Bosque county.

Dist. No. 96—H. Grady Perry, Dublin, Erath county.

Dist. No. 97—W. J. Aiken, Lipan, Hood county.

Dist. No. 98—Dr. F. E. Harrison, Graceland, Palo Pinto county.

Dist. No. 99—Thomas G. Binkley, Graham, Young county.

Dist. No. 100—W. O. Wright, Megargel, Archer county.

Dist. No. 101—B. F. Johnson, Wichita Falls, Wichita county.

Dist. No. 102—A. H. King, Throckmorton, Throckmorton county.

Dist. No. 103—J. C. Marshall, Quanah, Hardeman county.

Dist. No. 104—S. A. Bryant, Memphis, Hall county.

Dist. No. 105—M. E. Rosser, Snyder, Scurry county.

Dist. No. 106—Charles H. Rowland, Anson, Jones county.

Dist. No. 107—Ben L. Cox, Abilene, Taylor county.

Dist. No. 108—Joe Burkett, Eastland, Eastland county.

Dist. No. 109—A. L. McDaniel, Gap, Comanche county.

Dist. No. 110—Frank H. Sweet, Brownwood, Brown county.

Dist. No. 111—C. R. Stephens, Balinger, Runnels county.

Dist. No. 112—O. L. Sims, Paint Rock, Concho county.

Dist. No. 113—W. F. Kellis, San Angelo, Tom Green county.

Dist. No. 114—T. J. Beasley, Mercury, McCulloch county.

Dist. No. 115—B. J. Stewart, Barksdale, Edwards county.

Dist. No. 116—Grover C. Morris, Devine, Medina county.

Dist. No. 117—Walter F. Jones, Del Rio, Val Verde county.

Dist. No. 118—Adrian Pool, El Paso, El Paso county.

Dist. No. 119—J. E. Quaid, El Paso, El Paso county.

Dist. No. 120—W. W. Stewart, Balmorhea, Reeves county.

Dist. No. 121—R. M. Chitwood, Sweetwater, Nolan county.

Dist. No. 122—R. A. Baldwin, Slaton, Lubbock county.

Dist. No. 123—Burk W. Mathes, Plainview, Hale county.

Dist. No. 124—H. B. Hill, Shamrock, Wheeler county.

Dist. No. 125—Lee Satterwhite, Panhandle, Carson county.

Dist. No. 126—Felix J. McCord, Longview, Gregg county.

Dist. No. 127—Otto F. Menking, Fayetteville, Fayette county.

The State of Texas,
Department of State.

I, C. D. Mims, Secretary of State of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct list of the Representatives whose election has been certified to this department in accordance with the law as having been elected on November the second, A. D. 1920.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially, and caused the Seal of State to be hereon impressed, at the City of Austin, Texas, this the 11th day of January, A. D. 1921.

(Seal)

C. D. MIMS,
Secretary of State.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER.

The Honorable Secretary of State announced that the next business in order is the election of a Speaker of the House of Representatives, and announced that nominations for Speaker of the House are now in order.

Hon. Ben L. Cox of Taylor county nominated Hon. Chas. G. Thomas of Denton county.

Hon. Newt. B. Williams of McLennan county seconded the nomination of Hon. Chas. G. Thomas.

Hon. John Davis of Dallas county seconded the nomination of Hon. Chas. G. Thomas.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite of Carson county seconded the nomination of Hon. Chas. G. Thomas.

Hon. A. B. Curtis of Tarrant county seconded the nomination of Hon. Chas. G. Thomas.

Hon. John M. Adams of Tarrant county seconded the nomination of Hon. Chas. G. Thomas.

Mr. Hill offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Reading Clerk call the roll and as each member's name is called he walk to the Reading Clerk's desk and place his vote for Speaker in a hat.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

The Honorable Secretary declared nominations closed and directed the Clerk to call the roll, and requested each member as his name is called to come forward and deposit his vote.

The Honorable Secretary then appointed the following tellers to count the vote:

Mr. Faubion, Mr. Chitwood, Mr. Beavens, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Moore and Mr. Rowland.

The votes being taken, and counted by the tellers, the result was announced, as follows:

Hon. Chas. G. Thomas received 134 votes.

The Honorable Secretary then declared Hon. Chas. G. Thomas duly elected to be Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-seventh Legislature and appointed the following committee to escort the Speaker-elect to the Speaker's stand:

Mr. Hall, Mr. Teer, Mr. Seagler, Mr. Hill and Mr. Swann.

The committee having performed their duty, the Honorable Secretary of State administered the oath of office to the Speaker-elect.

The Honorable Secretary then introduced Speaker Thomas, who addressed the House, as follows:

I scarcely know in what words to express my high appreciation of the honor you have conferred upon me this day. Such words as have been spoken of and to me today, are usually reserved for one's tombstone, perhaps upon the theory that a disembodied spirit may view them without emotion, but to me being still in the flesh and human, they are most pleasantly overpowering, though not entirely deserved.

For the honor I sincerely thank you. I am convinced that I stand here in this capacity as the representative of

you, my friends, and these friends I can never forget. No king had more loyal sceptre-bearers, no ruler more faithful knights, no general more devoted soldiers, no man more loyal friends, than mine have been.

"It is my joy in life to find,

At every turning of the road

The strong arms of a comrade kind

To help me onward with my load.

And since I have no gold to give

And love alone must make amend,

My only prayer is while I live

God make me worthy of my friends."

But deeper than any appreciative words to them I might utter,—it is for me to show my estimation of their services and give them some return, by making apparent and visible, that in selecting and electing me for Speaker, they have given this body a presiding officer who will be absolutely fair, impartial and just to all.

The responsibility I am unable to bear unless your gracious aid is accorded me. Confidently do I invoke that aid in the interest of our State whose splendid citizenship we represent. You have placed upon me a supreme and sacred trust, and I now here consecrate myself to your service. Devoted to the State of my nativity, thrilled by her traditions, and mindful of her welfare, I pledge my co-operation as presiding officer in your deliberations. As true as my friends have been, yet, I am under obligations to no man. I take this office with my hands untied. None of them, noble men as they are, have asked for any favors. And as Speaker, I shall know no North, no South, no East, no West, but Texas in her entirety, one and inseparable. In my rulings I shall be governed by your rules as I understand them. I may make errors—all men do, but I assure you every mistake made by me will be one of the head and not the heart. In all decisions and matters coming before me, I shall be forgetful as to whether my decisions will inure to the advantage of those who may be with me on the question at issue or to those who may differ with me. I shall endeavor to stand as Speaker, as I have stood upon the floor of two preceding Legislatures, on all matters, frank, open, fair, indiscriminate, without favor to any special one—but true to the interest and cognizant of the responsibility of all the people of this State. Efficiency first shall be my standard in appointing the employes and you are as

much interested as I am in seeing that efficient officers are elected in the organization of the House. I shall endeavor to select efficient, competent and courteous stenographers. I shall appoint the committees as soon as possible. It may be impossible for me to appoint every man upon every committee he may wish, but I will do the very best I can, having at heart, first, the people whom we have the honor to represent.

Years ago, when a small boy, as I studied civil government in the public school of my home town, I was impressed with the idea that every man should give some of his service to his community, his country, his State; and in later years, while in college, I read the words of that Shakespearian genius, who said:

"Let all the ends thou aimest at
Be thy own, thy country's and thy
God's."

And still in later years, I saw the same lofty sentiment expressed upon the tombstone of one of the South's great men in Atlanta, Georgia, which stands after years of rain and storm:

"He who saves his country, saves all things.

And all things saved will bless him.
He who lets his country die, lets all things die,

And all things dying will curse him."

I have come here, and I trust, so have you, with only one purpose in my heart—that was to give the best service possible as my county's representative to the good of Texas. I had no political ambitions then and have none now. I come as a layman, with the good of my countrymen on my heart, ready and anxious to put my hands and shoulder to the wheels of State and help to push her upward and onward to greater endeavors and nobler achievements.

It has been the custom for years to select for this position I occupy, some talented lawyer and great and many have been those that have presided from this platform, one whose eloquence could charm while his wisdom could instruct. But you have departed from that custom in calling me from a plain business life to act as your Speaker and I shall feel at liberty to depart from the former and in a plain, practical business way remind you of only a few things, which deserve your care-

ful attention and deliberate consideration.

We are met here for business, sacred business, the people's business, the business of our State Government, to foster its enterprises and provide for its institutions. As I grasp the sentiment of our Constitution the Legislature is to meet every two years for the purpose, first to provide for the support and maintenance for the next two years of the State institutions and support of State Government; and second, to take up such other matters as might be brought before it. The custom in recent years has been to look after other legislation first and then have Called Session for appropriations. I am of firm conviction that we should first look for interest of our departments of State Government and our State institutions and am frank to say, that with the great assistance which the Board of Control offers, our Appropriations Committee should, in two weeks' time or less have bills before you for your consideration. I want this to be a working Legislature, and let us not stay in session three days in the week, nor four days, nor five days, but six days in the week, and devote our time to the performance of the work we were sent here to do until it is completed.

I wish to discourage the practice of introducing the same bill at the same time in both Senate and House. This practice not only is more expensive in manner of printing, but necessitates more time to be consumed by the committees, of bills that are often killed in one house before reaching the other, as each bill has to be considered by committee, and why not wait until the bill is passed in one house before the committee in the other branch is burdened with its consideration? I predict, judging from other sessions, that over one thousand bills will be introduced in the House, and if the custom above referred to is discontinued, this number will be reduced at least three hundred. Many bills creating independent school districts have heretofore consumed much time in the House. I believe that all independent school districts under twenty-five miles square could be and should be created by the county board of education in their respective county, who are not only familiar with needs of each district, but with necessary boundaries. Perhaps the Constitution forbids, but would be a great thing if special road laws could be handled by the commissioners courts

of each county. A constitutional amendment to expedite and shorten such matters would be feasible.

This great number of bills will, of course, cover great ideas and ideals. Many will be presented to which you and I have given no thought before we came here and some will perhaps be passed that you and I may wish had not been passed, when we leave here. But you have personal control over such matters.

The platform adopted by the Democratic Convention at Fort Worth demands that we submit to the people of Texas a constitutional amendment providing that none but American citizens, either native or fully naturalized, be allowed the right of suffrage in this State.

The interests of agriculture deserve more attention at our hands. The farms of Texas afford homes and employment for the larger part of our people, and furnish the greatest part of our products. Something must be done to make rural life more attractive and the occupation of farming more profitable. Show me a community of happy, prosperous and thrifty farmers and I will show you a community of happy and contented people. As the government lights our coasts for protection of the mariners and for benefit of commerce—so should our State give to the tillers of the soil the lights of practical science and experience.

Our manufactures are rapidly making us industrially great and are opening to capital and labor new and profitable fields of employment. This steady and healthy growth should still be maintained and encouraged.

Again, a due regard for the interests and prosperity of all the people, demands that the finances of our State shall be established upon such a sensible, sound and suitable basis as shall continue the safety and confidence of business interests, invite rather than repel capital, make the wages of labor commensurate with services rendered, and that our system of revenue shall be so adjusted as to relieve the people of unnecessary taxation, having a due regard for the interests of capital invested and workingmen employed in industries in our State and preventing the accumulation of a surplus in the Treasury to tempt extravagance and waste.

With an anticipated balance of seven million dollars in the Treasury on September 1 next, yet we are paying the

sum of \$135,000 annually or \$360 per day interest on State indebtedness of approximately four million dollars. Three million dollars of this amount is held by the permanent school fund bearing interest at 3 to 5 per cent, while at the same time the State Board of Education has over \$1,000,000 in school bonds being offered them and they can not accept for lack of funds. Sound business judgment should prompt us to reduce the State's debt and stop the interest while we have the money and permit the State Board of Education to purchase all the school bonds offered it, as approved in the usual way, and at the same time receive over \$15,000 more interest per annum per million dollars than now receiving from the State and think of the amount that would be saved by the school districts scattered throughout most every county in the State that today are having to discount their bonds from eight to fifteen per cent in order to sell them to outside buyers, because the State Board of Education has no funds with which to cash them.

The Democratic platform also reminds us of other grave and important matters such as regular redistricting of the State into congressional, senatorial and representative districts, conforming to provisions of the Constitution, a question of great importance to us all, and in forming such districts no member should allow his personal or political ambition to govern him; the reform of judicial procedure, which has been often undertaken, but not yet fully accomplished; proper legislation for good roads and highway construction; the conservation and reclamation of our natural resources; the encouragement of the creation and operation of warehouses and markets; such action in strengthening the plans and such support as may be necessary to maintain and consistently advance the proper activities in the public health and sanitation of our State. Let it be known to the world that we will look to the eradication of contagious and destructive diseases among the innocent children of our State as well as to the eradication of the tick among our cattle. Good health, proper sanitation and good education are the spokesmen of good citizenship. The enforcement laws of the Prohibition Act should be so amended as to bring about complete destruction of the 1000 "moonshiners" in our State, and suitable appropriation for enforcement of same you should pro-

vide; our divorce laws changed in some way to check the many thousands of unhappy marriages and equally as many divorces.

Never has our State done so much for the cause of education as the past two Legislatures. During this period sixty-three million dollars have been devoted to the cause of education by our State. Still we are not keeping pace educationally with our commercial progress. The adoption of the amendment last November will enable local communities to help themselves, yet we should continue to encourage them by proper appropriations. I want to see all our higher institutions of learning, the University, the A. and M. College and all its branches, the College of Industrial Arts, our several Normals, the Deaf and Dumb Institute, and our State School for the Blind, and the educational work fostered in all our eleemosynary institutions, made as good as any if not better than any of their kind in the United States, so that no ambitious son or daughter of Texas need go beyond its borders for highest training along any line. The total enrollment in all the normals of our adjoining State, Oklahoma, is given as 1,525, yet we have one State normal in Texas that has alone an annual enrollment of over three thousand. The fact that over 1,200,000 children, striving and struggling for an education in our rural and public schools, and that over fifteen thousand bright, intelligent, and ambitious and noble young men and women are in daily attendance in our State schools eagerly seeking best education our State can give—should lift our buoyant spirits to the summit of enjoyment and prompt us to see that every encouragement possible at our hands is given them. The people of Texas have plighted their honor to further develop the magnificent public school system of this State, including its higher institutions of learning, and truthfully declared that our people are the champions of that higher civilization which can only be attained by a general diffusion of knowledge.

In the city of Washington there is a monument 55 feet wide at its base, towering 550 feet into the air; in it there is a stone tablet from every nation in the world. It stands as a silent sentinel, commanding the respect and reverence of all passersby, commemorating the valor, heroism and statesmanship of one of our nation's greatest benefactors, George Washington. In

fancy I see a monument being erected on the soil of Texas, its base covers the borders of Texas, its height is unmeasurable; it has been under construction for over seventy years; I see the foundation was laid out by the genius of Moses Austin, who sunk the germ of American institutions in the soil of Texas; the placing of the first stone was bequeathed to Stephen Austin, his immortal son, who administered the original colony with such firmness as to secure the permanency of American occupation; later, when the Teuton faced the Latin, in the struggle for world dominion, the tragedy of the Alamo, the massacre of Goliad, these heritages of eternity, placed upon the foundation, tablets bearing the names of Houston, Travis, Crockett, Bowie, Fannin, Milam, and all the others from whose blood a new republic rose, and a glance at these tablets will recall memories that will be cherished wherever freedom has a temple and glory has a shrine. I see another tablet, a little higher up, bearing the inscription, "The Republic of Texas," commemorative of its place among the nations and the progress of independence which it exercised for a decade; then another tablet, the "Admission of Texas" to the American Union, which recalls the signal of a renewed contest which began with adoption of American Constitution and found no solution but war; I see countless stones commemorating the valor and heroism of her 9,000 sons who marched beneath the banner of the Southern Confederacy along by the side of Robt. E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, those twin divinities of courage and constancy in that mighty struggle; I see hundreds of names, carved in undying letters of those sons of Texas who sailed upon the high seas in the war with Spain after Cervera and crept through the swamps of Cuba after the greedy Toral; the vision grows, I see countless stones telling of our progress commercially, the outgoing of the Indian, the incoming of the railroads, the many advancements made along educational lines, a University, a college, a normal, many schools and other institutions for the helpless and unfortunate; then I count the facsimile of six different flags under which our State has struggled—this monument so high that it is seen by all the other States and on its top, barely dry, is the mortar, I see countless tablets commemorating the valor and heroism of the 245,000

gallant young Texans who offered their lives for the cause of freedom and liberty of the world; I notice 2,000 tablets of gold, symbolic of those 2,000 heroic young men who died on foreign land as conquerors of Germany and heroes of the world war—above all I see floating side by side at the pinnacle of this monument, the Lone Star flag and the Stars and Stripes of Old Glory forming a halo of glory above all the heroic dead and great achievements of the benefactors of this great State. Let our highest aim be to protect the sacred honor of Texas, which has been bought by the sacrifices of so many illustrious men; our one ambition to contribute some credible and lasting tablets to this monument—the History of Texas, which has won the admiration of the entire world, to secure the prosperity of her people and may our coveted reward be the gratitude of a happy and patriotic constituency.

Let us be men of country, not party; of principles, not personalities; of convictions, not politicians; and with the assistance of God we shall accomplish useful if not great things. Reverently let us invoke the God of our pioneers to guide and protect us in our efforts to perpetuate the principles which by His blessing they were able to vindicate, establish and transmit to their posterity; and with a continuance of His favor, ever gratefully acknowledged, we may hopefully look forward to success, to peace and prosperity. I trust that no deed of mine as your presiding officer, will detract from the luster and glory of that Lone Star banner; no act of this Legislature will stultify its precious folds; no move of mine will cause it to droop in sorrow, drag in shame or trail in dishonor.

PRESENTATION OF GAVEL TO THE SPEAKER.

Mr. Horton, on behalf of the citizens of Austin, presented the Speaker a gavel made by Mr. J. C. Adrian of Austin.

Speaker Thomas, on behalf of himself and the members of the House, thanked the donor for the gift.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Dallas, the House, at 2 o'clock p. m., took recess to 3:30 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 3:30 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by Speaker Thomas.

ADOPTING TEMPORARY RULES.

Mr. John Davis of Dallas offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the rules of the Thirty-sixth Legislature be observed in the proceedings of the House until the adoption of the permanent rules by the House.

Resolved, That the Speaker appoint a temporary committee on rules of five members.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

SELECTION OF SEATS.

Mr. Hall offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the members now proceed to the selection of seats in the following manner, and that all members blind or deaf, all members partially blind or deaf, and all members over sixty years of age be permitted to select their seats before the general drawing, and the names of the remaining members be placed in a hat and as his name is called by the Chief Clerk each member shall go forward and select his seat. Be it further

Resolved, That those members absent through illness may have their seats selected for them by members from same county or adjoining district.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

The provisions of the resolution were carried out, each member coming forward and selecting his seat as his name was called.

COMPLETING ORGANIZATION.

Mr. Teer offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives now proceed to complete its organization by the election of the following officers in the order named:

First—One Chief Clerk.

Second—One Sergeant-at-Arms.

Third—One Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

Fourth—One Reading Clerk.

Fifth—One Assistant Reading Clerk.

Sixth—One Journal Clerk.

Seventh—One Calendar Clerk.

Eighth—One Enrolling Clerk.

Ninth—One Engrossing Clerk.

Tenth—One Doorkeeper.

Eleventh—One Assistant Doorkeeper.

Twelfth—One Chaplain.

Resolved further, That in voting for officers of the House, where the result

shows no candidate has received a majority of all votes cast, that we proceed to voting by dropping the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes until one candidate shall receive a majority of all votes cast.

Each of said officers shall receive five dollars (\$5.00) per day for his services, except Chief Clerk, Reading Clerk and Journal Clerk, who shall each receive \$7.50 per day.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

HOUSE NOTIFIED.

A committee from the Senate appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, reported that the Senate is organized and is now ready for the transaction of business.

ELECTION OF CHIEF CLERK.

The Speaker announced that nominations for Chief Clerk of the House are now in order.

Hon. John Davis of Dallas nominated Noel K. Brown of Dallas county for Chief Clerk.

Hon. W. I. McFarlane seconded the nomination of Noel K. Brown.

Hon. John H. Veatch nominated Charles A. Graham of Hill county for Chief Clerk.

Hon. Barry Miller of Dallas seconded the nomination of Charles A. Graham.

Hon. J. W. Hall of Harris county seconded the nomination of Noel K. Brown.

Hon. Sid Crumpton of Bowie seconded the nomination of Charles A. Graham.

Hon. G. W. Garrett of Hill county seconded the nomination of Charles A. Graham.

Hon. H. B. Hill of Wheeler county seconded the nomination of Noel K. Brown.

Hon. E. H. Childers of Falls county seconded the nomination of Charles A. Graham.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following tellers to take up and count the votes: Mr. Pollard, Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Greer and Mr. Darroch.

The votes being taken up and counted resulted as follows:

Noel K. Brown.....	83 votes.
Charles A. Graham.....	50 votes.

Noel K. Brown having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared duly elected Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

ELECTION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

Hon. O. B. Black of Bexar county nominated Joe W. White of Bexar county for Sergeant-at-Arms of the House.

Hon. R. E. Seagler of Anderson county seconded the nomination of Joe W. White.

Hon. Newt B. Williams of McLennan county moved that nominations be closed and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to cast the vote of the House for Joe W. White for Sergeant-at-Arms.

The motion prevailed, and Joe W. White was declared elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the House.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

The Speaker announced that nominations for Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms are in order.

Hon. Robert B. Thrasher of Travis county nominated J. C. Adrian of Travis county for Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

Hon. G. W. Garrett of Hill county seconded the nomination of J. C. Adrian.

Hon. Newt B. Williams of McLennan county moved that the Chief Clerk be instructed to cast the vote of the House for J. C. Adrian.

The motion prevailed, and J. C. Adrian was declared duly elected Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of the House.

ELECTION OF READING CLERK.

The Speaker announced that the next business in order is the election of Reading Clerk.

Hon. Newt B. Williams of McLennan county nominated O. P. Basford of Travis county, and moved that the Chief Clerk be instructed to cast the vote of the House for O. P. Basford.

The motion prevailed, and O. P. Basford was declared duly elected Reading Clerk of the House.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT READING CLERK.

The Speaker announced that the next business in order is the election of Assistant Reading Clerk.

Hon. Wallace Malone of Tarrant county nominated N. A. Gordon of Tarrant county for Assistant Reading Clerk of the House.

Hon. John M. Adams of Tarrant county seconded the nomination of N. A. Gordon.

Hon. Sam C. Lackey of DeWitt county moved that the Chief Clerk be in-

structed to cast the vote of the House for N. A. Gordon.

The motion prevailed, and N. A. Gordon was declared duly elected Assistant Reading Clerk of the House.

ELECTION OF JOURNAL CLERK.

The Speaker announced the next business in order was the election of Journal Clerk.

Hon. W. M. Fly of Gonzales county nominated J. L. Robinson of Travis county for Journal Clerk of the House.

Hon. Newt B. Williams of McLennan county seconded the nomination of J. L. Robinson and moved that the Chief Clerk of the House be instructed to cast the vote of the House for J. L. Robinson for Journal Clerk.

The motion prevailed and J. L. Robinson was declared duly elected Journal Clerk of the House.

ELECTION OF CALENDAR CLERK.

The Speaker announced that the next business in order is the election of Calendar Clerk.

Hon. J. C. Darroch of Mills county nominated Daniel Watson of Travis county for Calendar Clerk of the House.

Hon. J. C. Marshall of Hardeman county seconded the nomination of Daniel Watson.

Hon. Sam C. Lackey of DeWitt county moved that the Chief Clerk be instructed to cast the vote of the House for Daniel Watson for Calendar Clerk.

The motion prevailed and Daniel Watson was declared duly elected Calendar Clerk of the House.

ELECTION OF ENROLLING CLERK.

The Speaker announced that the election of Enrolling Clerk is now in order.

Hon. W. E. Thomason of Nacogdoches county nominated J. T. Robison of Travis county for Enrolling Clerk.

Hon. John Davis of Dallas county seconded the nomination of J. T. Robison, and moved that the Chief Clerk be instructed to cast the vote of the House for Enrolling Clerk.

The motion prevailed, and J. T. Robison was declared duly elected Enrolling Clerk of the House.

ELECTION OF ENGROSSING CLERK.

The Speaker announced that the next business in order is the election of Engrossing Clerk.

Hon. W. M. Fly of Gonzales county

nominated Mrs. J. T. Robison of Travis county for Engrossing Clerk and moved that the Chief Clerk of the House be instructed to cast the vote of the House for Mrs. J. T. Robison for Engrossing Clerk.

The motion prevailed and Mrs. J. T. Robison was declared duly elected Engrossing Clerk of the House.

ELECTION OF DOORKEEPER.

The Speaker announced that the next business in order is the election of Doorkeeper.

Hon. H. H. Cummins of Grayson county nominated H. T. Dunnaway of Grayson county for Doorkeeper.

Hon. Sam C. Lackey of DeWitt county moved that the Chief Clerk be instructed to cast the vote of the House for H. T. Dunnaway for Doorkeeper.

The motion prevailed and H. T. Dunnaway was declared duly elected Doorkeeper of the House.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT DOORKEEPER.

The Speaker announced that the next business in order is the election of Assistant Doorkeeper.

Hon. John Davis of Dallas county nominated M. G. Jackson of Eastland county for Assistant Doorkeeper.

Hon. John T. Smith of Travis county nominated J. M. Meredith of Travis county.

Hon. Joe Burkett of Eastland county seconded the nomination of M. G. Jackson.

Hon. T. T. Thompson of Red River county seconded the nomination of M. G. Jackson.

Hon. R. E. Seagler of Anderson county seconded the nomination of M. G. Jackson.

Hon. Claud Teer of Williamson county nominated R. O. Kerr of Williamson county for Assistant Doorkeeper.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker appointed the same tellers acting as before to take up and count the votes.

The votes being taken up and counted resulted as follows:

M. G. Jackson received 91 votes.

J. M. Meredith received 20 votes.

R. O. Kerr received 10 votes.

(Mr. Pope in the chair.)

Mr. M. G. Jackson having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Assistant Doorkeeper of the House.

ELECTION OF CHAPLAIN.

The Speaker announced that the next business in order is the election of Chaplain.

Hon. Barry Miller of Dallas county nominated Rev. J. C. Mitchell of Travis county for Chaplain.

Hon. E. H. Childers of Falls county seconded the nomination of Rev. J. C. Mitchell.

Mr. Quicksall moved that nominations be closed and the Chief Clerk be instructed to cast the vote of the House for Rev. J. C. Mitchell for Chaplain.

The motion prevailed; and Rev. J. C. Mitchell was declared duly elected Chaplain of the House.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED.

The constitutional oath of office was administered by the Speaker to the following elected officers:

Noel K. Brown, Chief Clerk.

Joe W. White, Sergeant-at-Arms.

J. C. Adrian, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

O. P. Basford, Reading Clerk.

N. A. Gordon, Assistant Reading Clerk.

J. L. Robinson, Journal Clerk.

Daniel Watson, Calendar Clerk.

J. T. Robison, Enrolling Clerk.

Mrs. J. T. Robison, Engrossing Clerk.

H. T. Dunnaway, Doorkeeper.

M. G. Jackson, Assistant Doorkeeper.

J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

TO NOTIFY GOVERNOR AND SENATE.

Mr. Cox offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker appoint two committees of three members each; one of said committees to notify the Governor and the other to notify the Senate that the House is now organized and ready for the transaction of business.

The resolution was read second time and adopted.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following committees:

To notify the Governor: Messrs. Rosser, Beasley of Hopkins and Quaid.

To notify the Senate: Messrs. Darroch, Cummins and Johnson of Wichita.

PROVIDING FOR EMPLOYES OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. John E. Davis of Dallas offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House shall appoint the following employes for the Regular Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature to serve for such compensation as may hereafter be provided:

One private secretary to the Speaker, at \$7.50 a day.

One stenographer for the Speaker, at \$5 a day.

One porter for the Speaker, at \$3 a day.

One page for the Speaker at \$2 a day.

One assistant to the Journal Clerk at \$5 a day.

One assistant to the Calendar Clerk, at \$5 a day.

One Warrant Clerk at \$5 a day.

One clerk to the Appropriation Committee at \$7.50 a day.

One stenographer to the Appropriation Committee at \$6 a day.

Thirty expert stenographers, at \$5 a day each.

One Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms in gallery, at \$5 a day.

Eight committee clerks, at \$5 a day each.

Twenty-two pages, at \$2 a day each. One clerk to the Sergeant-at-Arms, at \$5 a day.

One page to the Sergeant-at-Arms, at \$2.50 a day.

One porter to the Sergeant-at-Arms, at \$5 a day.

One night watchman, at \$5 a day.

One messenger to carry papers to the Confederate Home, at \$2.50 a day.

One messenger to carry papers to the Confederate Woman's Home, at \$2.50 a day.

Two assistants to the Enrolling and Engrossing Clerks, at \$5 a day each.

One elevator man, who shall receive \$4 a day.

Ten porters, at \$3 a day.

Be it further resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Speaker, and he is hereby empowered to dispense with the services of any employe when in his judgment said employe is not further needed, or for misconduct of any employe; and, further, he shall have the power to appoint extra help when in his judgment it is needed.

The duties of the employes as hereinbefore mentioned shall be such as are usually required of the employes of previous Legislatures, and it shall be the duty of stenographers and clerks to assist the members of the House in their correspondence, preparation of bills, etc.

Any of the employes may be excused

by the Speaker for cause deemed by him sufficient. Provided, further, that any employe who shall absent himself without leave shall not receive any compensation for the time missed during said absence.

The salary of all employes shall begin when they are instructed to begin work by the Speaker.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

PROVIDING POSTAGE FOR MEMBERS.

Mr. Wright offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That each member be allowed \$30 for postage stamps, and the Sergeant-at-Arms and Chief Clerk be allowed \$15 each for postage stamps, and the Committee on Contingent Expenses and the Committee on Appropriations be allowed \$30 each for postage stamps, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the postoffice box rent of members of the House shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House, upon approval of the Contingent Expense Committee.

Resolved, That all requisitions for paper and supplies necessary for the preparation of bills, for the enrolling room and engrossing room, the minute books and blank paper for the use of committees, and letterheads, envelopes, etc., to be used by the members or employes of the House, to be made under the direction of the Committee on Contingent Expenses.

Be it further resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses be authorized to rent typewriters for the use of stenographers and Enrolling and Engrossing Clerks of the House, and to purchase typewriter ribbons, the cost of same to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be the custodian of all stationery and stationery supplies required by the House; that said supplies be obtained and disposed of and accounted for by the Sergeant-at-Arms, as provided by Rule 3, Section 4, of the Rules of the Thirty-third Legislature.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. McCord offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend the resolution by making the amount allowed for postage \$20 instead of \$30.

Mr. Perkins offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment by making amount allowed for postage \$10.

Question first recurring on the amendment to the amendment, it was lost.

The amendment was lost.

The resolution was then adopted.

TO COUNT VOTES FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Mr. Marshall offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 1, Providing for a joint committee to count the vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That a joint committee of eight, consisting of five members from the House appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and three Senators appointed by the President of the Senate, be appointed as a committee to canvass the vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Texas, and to arrange for their inauguration.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

PROVIDING FOR PRINTING HOUSE JOURNAL.

Mr. John E. Davis of Dallas offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, That 1000 copies of the House Journal of each day be printed, one hundred to be delivered to the Senate, five copies to be placed on the desk of each member of the House each day, three copies to be delivered to the head of each State Department, and seventy-five copies to the State Library and the remainder to be left with the Sergeant-at-Arms for distribution under the direction of the Speaker.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Williams of McLennan offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend the resolution by striking out the figures "1000" and insert the figures "600," and strike out the figure "5" and insert "2."

The amendment was adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. McCord moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Greer moved that the House adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. McCord prevailed,

and the House accordingly at 5:30 o'clock p. m. adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY.

(Wednesday, January 12, 1921.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Thomas.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Adams.	Harrison.
Aiken.	Henderson
Baker.	of McLennan.
Baldwin.	Henderson
Barker.	of Marion.
Barrett of Fannin.	Hendricks.
Bass.	Hill.
Beasley	Horton.
of Hopkins.	Johnson of Ellis.
Beasley	Johnson
of McCulloch.	of Wichita.
Beavens.	Jones.
Binkley.	Kacir.
Bonham.	Kellis.
Black, O. B.,	King.
of Bexar.	Kveton.
Black, W. A.,	Lackey.
of Bexar.	Laird.
Brady.	Laney.
Brown.	Lauderdale.
Bryant.	Lawrence.
Burkett.	Leslie.
Burmeister.	Lindsey.
Burns.	Looney.
Carpenter.	McCord.
Childers.	McDaniel.
Chitwood.	McKean.
Coffee.	McLeod.
Cox.	Malone.
Crawford.	Martin.
Crumpton.	Marshall.
Cummins.	Mathes.
Curtis.	Melson.
Darroch.	Merriman.
Davis, John E.,	Miller of Dallas.
of Dallas.	Miller of Parker.
Davis, John,	Morgan.
of Dallas.	Moore.
Dinkle.	Morris of Medina.
Duffey.	Morris
Duncan.	of Montague.
Edwards.	Mott.
Estes.	Neblett.
Faubion.	Neinast.
Fly.	Owen.
Fugler.	Patman.
Garrett.	Perkins
Greer.	of Cherokee.
Grissom.	Perkins of Lamar.
Hall.	Perry.
Hanna.	Pollard.
Harrington.	Pope.

Quaid.	Teer.
Quicksall.	Thomas
Quinn.	of Limestone.
Rice.	Thomason.
Rogers of Harris.	Thompson
Rogers of Shelby.	of Harris.
Rosser.	Thompson
Rountree.	of Red River.
Rowland.	Thorn.
Satterwhite.	Thrasher.
Schweppe.	Veatch.
Seagler.	Wadley.
Shearer.	Walker.
Sims.	Wallace.
Sneed.	Webb.
Stephens.	Wessels.
Stevenson.	West.
Stewart	Westbrook.
of Edwards.	Williams
Stewart of Reeves.	of McLennan.
Swann.	Williams
Sweet of Brown.	of Montgomery.
Sweet of Tarrant.	Wright.

Absent.

Barrett of Bell.	McFarlane.
Branch.	Menking.
Hardin.	Pool.
Johnson of Blanco.	

Absent—Excused.

Smith.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

On motion of Mr. John Davis of Dallas, Mr. John T. Smith was excused for today, on account of important business.

RELATING TO REDISTRICTING THE STATE.

Mr. Rountree offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Sections 25, 26, and 28, Article 3, Constitution of Texas, provide that the Legislature shall, at its first session after the publication of each decennial census, apportion the State into senatorial and representative districts; and

Whereas, In all probability, Texas will gain three congressmen, based on the 1920 census report; and

Whereas, The platform adopted by the State Democratic Convention contains the following plank: "The regular redistricting of the State into congressional, senatorial and representative districts, in conformity to the provisions of the Constitution, is essential to the maintenance of equal representation